

Appl. No. 10/539,562
Prelim. Amendment dated August 27, 2007

REMARKS

The above-identified patent application is the United States National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US2003/040880, filed December 22, 2003 which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. 60/435,601, filed December 20, 2002. In the international application, the United States was designated as the International Search Authority and as the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

This submission is a second preliminary amendment in regards to the above-identified application, a first preliminary amendment having been filed on June 17, 2005 concurrently with the initial submission of items under 35 U.S.C. 371 and the request to begin national examination procedures under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Claims 48-74 and 76-89 were cancelled in the first preliminary amendment, filed June 17, 2006. In this second preliminary amendment, claims 3, 22, 37, 39 and 40 remain as original claims and claims 90-95 remain as previously presented claims. Further, new claims 96-113 are herein added and claims 1, 2, 4-21, 23-36, 38, 41-47 and 75 are currently amended in order to clarify the claims language and more particularly claim the features of the invention. It is to be noted that the current amendment to claim 12 changes that claim from a dependent to an independent claim. Accordingly, claims 1-47, 75 and 90-113 remain pending in this application.

Additional claims fees are included according to the calculations in the Claims Fee Calculation Table provided on the following page.

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CLAIMS FEE CALCULATION TABLE

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	Rate (\$)	ADDI- TIONAL FEE (\$)
Total	72	Minus	54	18	x 50	900
Independent	4	Minus	3	1	x 200	200
Application Size Fee					N/A	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					N/A	0
					TOTAL ADDI- TIONAL FEES	\$ 1100

Respectfully submitted,

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